

To be rear admiral

James M. Kelly

The following named officer for appointment to a position of importance and responsibility in the United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Scott A. Buschman

The following named officer for appointment to a position of importance and responsibility in the United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Steven D. Poulin

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 595.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Arbes nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4347. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures Options Transactions" (RIN3038-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4348. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture" (RIN3209-AA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4349. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Guard Bureau Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AK73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4350. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Electric Infrastructure Information; New Administrative Procedures" (RIN1901-AB44) (10 CFR Part 1004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4351. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases" (RIN3150-AJ93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4352. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2020 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4353. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3392-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New England Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment" (RIN0648-BG91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4355. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2017 Hawaii Kona Crab Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measure" (RIN0648-XF706) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4356. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule to Reduce the 2018 Sub-Annual Catch Limit for the Atlantic Herring Management Areas" (RIN0648-XG340) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4357. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule Extension to Address Overfishing of Atlantic Shortfin Mako Shark" (RIN0648-BH49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4358. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Revise Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Shark Fishery Closure Regulations" (RIN0648-BG97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4359. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Amendment 43 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-BH39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4360. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2018 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XF486) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate required minimum distributions under tax-favored retirement plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3558. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to prevent the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority from enforcing a certain rule of that Authority; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. JONES, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 3559. A bill to provide emergency financial assistance to rural health care facilities and providers impacted by the COVID-19 emergency; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3535

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3535, a bill to extend the due date for the return and payment of Federal income taxes to July 15, 2020, for taxable year 2019.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1562. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him